

# THE DAILY CRITIC, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 6, 1890.

## LOCAL TALKS.

**What People Promised and Other**

**Who Fails to Fulfill Them.**

Mr. M. E. Clancy—The Nationalist Club of this city was organized about two years ago, in January, 1888. Several months prior to that I had been reading Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward," and was struck by the state of society which he represented. I was so much interested in the work that I wrote to Mr. Bellamy to ascertain if the book had been written with a practical purpose in view, and he replied that it was not intended for the people. He replied that he was very much in earnest in the views which he set forth. I distributed a number of the copies of his work among several friends, and after a short time I called them together and we discussed the feasibility of establishing an organization for the purpose of disseminating the ideas of social reforms contained in Mr. Bellamy's book. I called upon him at his office on the subject, and he replied that he was willing to do the one we proposed was then being formed in Boston. We waited until their organization had been completed, and then adopted their constitution and by-laws as a basis for our own. Since that time our club has increased from a membership of seven or eight to over one hundred. We have a hall and library on F street, and meet every Wednesday evening to discuss and report progress on the subject of socialist reform. Nationalist clubs have now been formed in all the principal cities of the country, but in California especially the idea appeared to take a great hold. More clubs were formed to that State than in all the others put together. It is not the intention of the Nationalists to enter into politics just now, although the great prominence achieved by the Farmers' Alliance in the last election may be considered a step toward the accomplishment of our object.

The Nationalist idea is to educate the people to their ideals, and not to effect any sudden revolution of society, but to attain its purpose by the will of the majority of the people. Various colonies on the continent plan have been established at different times and places in this country, but they have all failed.

Why? Because the great part of the people are opposed to them. It is not the purpose of the Nationalists to form colonies here and there, and have the great mass of the people antagonistic to it, but it will educate that majority into the adoption of their views, and once that is done, as the majority rules, the ideas of Bellamy will become accomplished facts.

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To let the wind blow through," said Mr. Boutelle as he wound his way to the Naval Committee room with the air of a man who had solved the greatest naval problem of the age.

Upon the face of the thermometer the dial hand would swing back to 30. It was the same with a string thermometer. When I thought the temperature ought not to be so high, I would tap the top of the dial with my finger, and it would change the temperature a good deal lower. The dial hand would sometimes move in one and then again in another direction. I find the red spirit thermometer the best for reliability, and I have them now in the storage boxes instead of the circular ones.

A South Carolinian—I have just returned from a trip to Charleston, and I can tell you, things are red hot down there with the approaching election of U. S. Senator. The friends of Senator Hampton are in a fever of excitement over his election, but there is talk of almost any number of dark horses who are to make an effort to capture the prize. It is, the only man who has shown his hand as yet, is by far the most dangerous that Hampton has, but he is regarded as too dangerous a man to place in the United States Senate at the present time, and it is scarcely likely that Hampton will have to step down and out.

A Department Clerk—You will see hanging conspicuously near all the entrances to the building, printed forth in positive terms, the notice that no canvassers or collectors are allowed to ply their business in the building. Well, it is all a bluff, for book agents always, whenever they are so disposed, while collectors make life a burden on the 1st and 15th of each month.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

**Enthomistic Resolutions in Honor of the Late Justice Miller.**

The members of the Bar, practicing in the Supreme Court, held a meeting in the court room this morning to take unanimous action in honor of the death of the late Mr. Justice Miller, Ex-Senator General Phillips president.

Senator Evans, chairman of the committee on resolutions, presented the following, which were read by Colonel Enoch Totten:

**Resolved**, That the members of the Bar, practicing in the Supreme Court of the United States, are affected with profound regret at the death of the late Mr. Justice Miller, and to the attention of the friends of Senator Hampton, who is almost certain of re-election, but the Bar is talk of almost any number of dark horses who are to make an effort to capture the prize. It is, the only man who has shown his hand as yet, is by far the most dangerous that Hampton has, but he is regarded as too dangerous a man to place in the United States Senate at the present time, and it is scarcely likely that Hampton will have to step down and out.

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## THE NEW CITY POSTOFFICE.

**Property Owners Before the Courts This Morning.**

The morning the attorneys of the property holders in square 929, the site to be condemned for the new City Postoffice, appeared before Justice James to present all questions involved in the condemnation in the interests of the property owners. The Government was represented by Assistant District Attorney Coyle. Justice James took it under advisement whether to decide the question presented himself or to refer it to the General Term to be heard in the first instance.

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